



ANNUAL REPORT

*for the fiscal year
ending March 31, 1999*

Advisory Council on Heritage Property

During the period of this report

Ministers

Honourable Wayne Gaudet

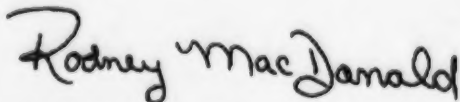
Honourable Ray White

To His Honour
The Honourable J. James Kinley
Lieutenant-Governor of the
Province of Nova Scotia

Sir:

I have the honour to submit herewith the eighteenth annual report of the
Advisory Council on Heritage Property, for the fiscal year concluding
March 31, 1999.

Yours truly,

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Rodney MacDonald
Minister in Charge of the
Administration of the
Heritage Property Act

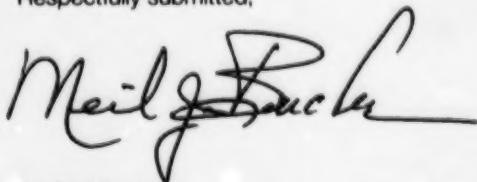


Honourable Rodney MacDonald
Minister in Charge of the Administration
of the Heritage Property Act
Province of Nova Scotia

Sir:

I have the privilege on behalf of the Advisory Council on Heritage
Property to present our report on the work of the Council for the fiscal
year ended March 31, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Boucher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. Neil Boucher
Chairman



HERITAGE PROPERTY ACT

The purpose of this act is to provide for identification, designation, preservation, conservation, protection, and rehabilitation of buildings, structures, streetscapes, areas, and districts of historic, architectural, or cultural value in urban and rural areas and to encourage their continued use.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HERITAGE PROPERTY

The Advisory Council on Heritage Property was first established in 1980 under the authority of the Heritage Property Act. This is the eighteenth year that the Council has advised the Minister on the registration of heritage properties and other related issues.

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HERITAGE PROPERTY ACT

By order of the Governor in Council, dated 8 April 1998, the Honourable Wayne Gaudet was charged with responsibility for the administration of the Heritage Property Act. On 16 December 1998, the Honourable Ray White was charged with this responsibility.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

During the year 1998-99, the following served as members of Council: Dr. Neil Boucher (Chairman), Janice Gill, Laurent d'Entremont, Janet Maltby, Joan Watcham, William Hyde, Father Emery Brien, Matthew Graham, and Fred Walsh.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

The Advisory Council is pleased to note that the following properties, which it recommended, were duly registered in 1998-99:

- Lawson House, Yarmouth, Yarmouth County
- St. John the Evangelist Church, Windsor, Hants County
- Charles Macdonald House, Centreville, Kings County
- Blue Cottage, Huntington Point, Kings County
- Provincial Normal College, Truro, Colchester County
- Old Holy Trinity Church, Middleton, Annapolis County
- Cole Harbour Meeting House, Cole Harbour, Halifax County
- James House, Bridgetown, Annapolis County
- John Logan Doggett House, Truro, Colchester County

The Advisory Council also recommended that the following be registered:

- First United Church, Truro, Colchester County
- St. George's Anglican Church, Halifax, Halifax County
- Borden House, Grand Pré, Kings County
- Mackey House, Ketch Harbour, Halifax County

PROVINCIAL HERITAGE PROPERTY PLAQUES

The Advisory Council takes pleasure in noting that heritage property plaques were presented to the owners of the following provincially registered heritage properties:

- Ross House, North East Margaree, Inverness County
- Abraham Lent House, Tusket, Yarmouth County
- Lovitt House, Yarmouth, Yarmouth County
- Lamp Cabin, Springhill, Cumberland County
- Harmony Lodge, Aylesford, Kings County
- Old Holy Trinity Church, Middleton, Annapolis County
- St. John the Evangelist Church, Windsor, Hants County

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HERITAGE PROPERTY

The Heritage Unit provided administrative support for five meetings of the Advisory Council, held on May 14, June 8 (special meeting), September 17 and December 10, 1988, and March 11, 1999.

GROUPS ADDRESSED AND ASSISTED

The staff of the Heritage Unit addressed or assisted 77 groups and individuals, including municipal councils, heritage advisory committees, and heritage property owners, on the Heritage Property Act and related issues.

Staff were involved in representing the province at meetings of the International Council on Monuments and Sites, Heritage Canada, and the Association for Preservation Technology.

GRANTS

A total of 70 grants were approved under policies for the conduct of inventories, conservation plans, conservation assistance for registered heritage properties, and publications. Also, 70 Health Service Tax rebates were made.

PROVINCIAL INVENTORY

Inventory work was undertaken in two municipalities, Digby District and Shelburne District. Approximately 100 buildings were inventoried for a total of 14,458 buildings for which historical and architectural details have been documented.

HOME AWARDS—HISTORICAL RESTORATION

For the eighth successive year the Nova Scotia Home Awards had a category for historical restoration. This category provides awards for excellence in restoration of an older or heritage building for housing, with emphasis on historical authenticity, compatibility with existing detail and surroundings, and economic viability. The 1998 winner was Bob Cram, owner of the Lennox Tavern, Lunenburg, Lunenburg County, a provincially registered heritage property.

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE BY-LAWS

As of March 31, 1999, the number of municipalities with heritage by-laws stood at 46. This reflects the adoption of a by-law in Queens Regional Municipality, and the concurrent repeal of the former Town of Liverpool by-law.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

On March 26, 1999, the Minister approved the plan and by-law establishing Nova Scotia's third Heritage Conservation District—the community of Grand Pré, located in the Municipality of the County of Kings.